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FOREWORD

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Early in 1932, under auspices of the California Academy of Sciences, and in conformity with arrangements made with the late Dr. Barton Warren Evermann, Director of the Museum and Steinhart Aquarium, and Executive Curator of the Academy, Mr. Templeton Crocker's scientific expedition on his yacht *Zaca* left San Francisco for an extended cruise to the Galapagos Archipelago, and to other islands of the Pacific Ocean and to the coast of Central America and Mexico. The *Zaca* was thoroughly equipped for scientific work. The following members of the Academy's staff of scientists were detailed to accompany the expedition: Mr. H. S. Swarth, Curator of the Department of Ornithology and Mammalogy, who, however, returned to San Francisco after the Galapagos Islands had been visited; Mr. H. Walton Clark, Assistant Curator of the Department of Ichthyology; Mr. John Thomas Howell, Assistant Curator of the Department of Botany; and Mr. Robert J. Lanier, Assistant Superintendent of the Academy's Steinhart Aquarium.

To this scientific staff Mr. Crocker added an artist, Toshio Asaeda, to make water color records of birds, reptiles, crabs, fishes and other marine life.

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The expedition departed from San Francisco on March 10, 1932, and returned to the same port on the following September 1st. It has come to be known as the "Templeton Crocker Expedition of the California Academy of Sciences, 1932."

Volume No. XXI of the Proceedings of the Academy has been set apart for the publication of the results of this expedition. It is anticipated that the examination and study of the large amount of material which has been secured will extend through several years. There is, in the circumstances, uncertainty both as to the number of pages which will be covered by the reports which are looked forward to, as well as to the rate at which the Academy's financial resources will permit publication. It is, in consequence, not possible to indicate at the outset, whether a subdivision of this volume into parts, as now seems probable, will ultimately be found necessary. If this should prove to be the case provision will later be made for such subdivision.

It remains to be noted that at a joint meeting of the Trustees and the Council of the Academy on September 19, 1932, Mr. Crocker was declared to be a "Benefactor" of the Academy. To this honor he had become entitled by reason of the fact that the entire expense of the expedition had been borne by him as a contribution to the scientific research activities of the Academy. The distinction thus conferred upon Mr. Crocker appears particularly appropriate in view of the fact that his grandfather, the late Charles Crocker, had endowed the Academy with \$20,000 to aid it in its scientific research activities, and that the late Colonel Charles Frederick Crocker, the father of Templeton Crocker, had been President of the Board of Trustees of the Academy for some years, continuing in this office to the time of his death in 1897.